

HOUSE BILL 1247

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 12; Title  
39; Title 50; Title 66; Title 68 and Title 71, relative  
to immigration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Illegal alien" means an individual who enters or resides in the United  
States without authorization under federal law; and

(2) "Political subdivision" means a local governmental entity, including,  
but not limited to, a municipality, metropolitan government, county, utility district,  
school district, public building authority, or development district created and  
existing pursuant to the laws of this state, or an instrumentality of government  
created by one (1) or more of those local governmental entities.

(b)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), notwithstanding another law  
to the contrary, an illegal alien must not be housed on real property owned by  
this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(2) Subdivision (b)(1) does not apply to the housing of an illegal alien in a  
jail, prison, or other correctional institution.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.